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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6964**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 272**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 31, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Extended Hours for Polling Places.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Breaux

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires the polls in each precinct in a county to close at 9 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. on election day. The bill provides that the time at which half-day precinct election officers change is 1:30 p.m. rather than noon on election day. The bill makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* If per diem of precinct election board members were increased to account for the proposed three additional voting hours, local expenditures would increase. The actual impact to local expenditures would depend on the decision of each county executive or town fiscal body to adjust the per diem. Expenses that are not personnel-related would also depend on each precinct's requirements for use of election supplies and facilities for three additional hours.

*Background Information:* Based on a small sample of Indiana counties, per diem for election board members range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs.

A precinct has the following election officers.

Type of Officer	Number
Inspector	1
Judge	2
Poll Clerk	2
Sheriff	2
Asst. Poll Clerk	2 (Optional)

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties, towns, and precincts.

**Information Sources:** LSA sample of counties.

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